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SPINNERS

SHE LONGS FOR THE COUNTRY

It is the May-time now,
And in a place I know
Some girl God will allow
To see the cowslips blow;

And the hyacinths, the fern
That grow by the riversides;
Narcissi, white and stern
Like sad unwilling brides.

Some other girl will run
And, dancing through the grass,
Will laugh in the wholesome sun,
And feel the sweet hours pass.

Laugh and be merry—oh,
Laugh! Laugh, and play for me!
Go where the sweet flowers grow,
And see what I cannot see!

THE SPINNERS AT WILLOWSLEIGH

The young girl passes by

The old women sit at Willowsleigh. They spin,
And shriek and sing above the humming din.